



Sheffield TIMES

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CELEBRATION OF SHEFFIELD & ASHLEY FALLS SET FOR SEPTEMBER 8-16

A celebration highlighting the community and resources of Sheffield and Ashley Falls is set for September 8 to 16.

"Sheffield in Celebration," in planning since January, will include fairs in both village centers and a host of other indoor and outdoor activities. From guided tours of Christ Church's new parish hall and van tours of scenic and protected land to a softball game and the Police Department ropes course at the Sheffield Town Park, there is something for everyone. Details on the time and location of all the events can be found in the special insert in this issue of the Sheffield Times.

Two Fairs, Two Greens

Sheffield. From 4pm to 8pm on September 8, the Sheffield Green from the Old Stone Store to Dewey Hall will be closed to traffic for a celebration with food, music, and a little something for everyone. Food will include hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, corn and drinks from the Sheffield Kiwanis and an Ice Cream Social hosted by the Sheffield Historical Society.

On the green and in Dewey Hall, local cottage industries — from woodworking to chair caning, photography to auto upholstery — will be showcased. There will also be a lineup of classic cars from Sheffield and Ashley Falls owners. Dewey Hall and all exhibits and information will remain open through the Celebration on the Green, and Tom Ingersoll, Justin Mather and other local favorites will be providing music from a stage out front.

There will be face painting and other children's activities, with the Glory B clown troupe providing additional entertainment. Students from Undermountain Elementary and Mt. Everett will hold a "show and tell" about the woodland and wetland community trail that is being built at the school, and a sign-up for the October 6 Community Work Day to help clear the first section of trail. The trail, once completed will be open to the public. (For more information call 528-4637 or e-mail at cide@tek2000.net.)

Ashley Falls. On Saturday, September 15, Ashley Falls will hold its fourth Annual Fair on the Green from 10am to 4pm (rain date: Sunday, September 16). The Sheffield Kiwanis will be selling food all day, and there will be a bake sale and pie sale. Music will be provided from noon to 4pm by the JD Band, great for dancing.

Those interested in more leisurely pursuits can stroll through historic Ashley Falls on the walking tour, which leaves at 11am and again at 2pm. Arts and crafts from local artists and artisans will be for sale. A silent auction will benefit the Holiday Tree Lighting, and there will be a 50/50 raffle. John Valenti will be the event M.C. Kids' activities will include three-legged races, a hoola hoop contest and a Pet Parade at 11am. Howden Farms will provide the Big Pumpkin for a weight-guessing contest, along with smaller pumpkins for painting.

Art and quilts

An art show, "Anything and Everything About Sheffield and Ashley Falls," will open at 10am, Saturday, September 8 at the Bushnell-Sage Memorial Library (on the lower level), with a community coffee hour hosted by the Friends of the Library. The show, sponsored by the Sheffield Association, will be open to the public both weekends of the Celebration from 10am to 5pm (closing at 1pm, September 16), including a "Meet the Artists" Reception on Saturday, September 15, from 5 to 7pm. All artwork will be for sale, and a portion of the proceeds will go to benefit the Sheffield Times.

Work from more than 20 professionals will be shown, and guest curator, Geoffrey Young, will also include pieces from new Sheffield artists as space permits. For details see the special insert in this issue.

The 5th Annual Heavenly Quilt Show at



The Big Elm. From note on back of photo: Deacon Gilbert Smith and his old horse Charlie, ca. 1873. From estate of Mille Smith who received it from Carrie S. Lorraine, 1933. Courtesy Sheffield Historical Society.

Old Parish Church starts Friday, September 7, and continues on Saturday, September 8 from noon to 7pm, when this year's queen-

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from the EDITORS

Welcome! The *Sheffield Times* aims to be a place where residents can find out what is happening in their community — a central place for community members, businesses, organizations and the Town to share news and information.

It's actually the second time around for this newsletter. The original *Sheffield Times*, published in the early '90s, was a labor of love by its editor, Susanna Leigh, and the many volunteers who helped make it possible. It stopped being published when Susanna and her husband, Tom, a former Sheffield Selectman, moved to Maine. When we spoke with Susanna recently, she was thrilled to hear that we were bringing back the *Sheffield Times*, provided us with some valuable advice and wished us the best.

The second-generation *Sheffield Times* is also a labor of love, and will try to fill a real information gap in the community. To be successful, it not only has to serve

the community, it has to be of the community. It will rely heavily on news and features gathered and written by people involved in all aspects of the community, from interested residents and town officials to organizations and informal groups. It also needs a broad base of people to be involved, so its survival does not depend on just one or two people. For more on submitting news and articles, and on how you can help, see the guidelines on this page.

The *Sheffield Times* will be published every other month, starting with this issue. This first issue was mailed to everyone with a Sheffield or Ashley Falls address (and as many Sheffield residents who have mail delivered to a Great Barrington or other out-of-town address as the Assessor's Office could find).

Future issues will be available free in community locations such as the Sheffield Market and the Ashley Falls Post Office. You can have the *Sheffield Times* mailed to you directly for a year by making a contribution to support the paper — helping to offset the costs of printing, production, mailing, etc.

Since the newsletter is free, we will be depending on advertising and financial contributions from the community to keep the paper going. Checks for contributions should be made out to the Sheffield Association Fund (noting on the check that it is for the *Sheffield Times*) and sent to the Sheffield Association (publisher of the *Sheffield Times*) at P.O. Box 1339, Sheffield, MA 01257-1339. Donations are tax deductible through a partnership with the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, whom we thank for their support. We have included a contribution form on page 11, for your convenience.

The *Sheffield Times* will be as good as the people of Sheffield and Ashley Falls make it — as engaging, involving, nourishing, and inspiring as the land around us and the people we know.

—Kathy Orlando and Andrea Scott,
Issue Editors

Submissions welcome!

Deadline for next issue: October 15

The *Sheffield Times* needs you to help fill its pages. We depend on members of the community for ideas on what we should be covering and to submit articles, illustrations or photographs for consideration in future issues of the *Sheffield Times*. Send submissions to the *Sheffield Times*, P.O. Box 1339, Sheffield, Mass 01257, or better yet to sheffieldtimes@hotmail.com.

News briefs can be as short as one or two sentences. Articles should be between 150 to 450 words. Items may be edited and will be run as space permits. Suggestions for feature stories and news items should be pre-approved by the editors.

Calendar items should be directed to the attention of the Calendar Editor and include a contact name and number in case there are questions.

Best form for submission: Microsoft Word attachment to e-mail.

Photos and illustrations are welcome and will be run as space permits. Prints are preferred and will be returned after publication if you include a return address with your submission. The preferred format for digital images is a 300 dpi JPEG. Include caption information and photographer or artist credit on all submissions.

The *Sheffield Times* reserves the right to decline any material it decides, in its sole discretion, is inappropriate.

Thank you to all the people we have talked with over the last several months who helped to make this issue possible; the individuals and organizations who submitted information and made calls to track down news and check facts, and the people who have already made donations toward the *Sheffield Times*, making it possible for us to print and mail this first issue to everyone in Sheffield and Ashley Falls. A special thank you to Barbara, Ruth and Tammy in the Assessor's office who went out of their way to provide all those out-of-town mailing addresses. To everyone at Town Hall who provided guidance and checked facts; the volunteers who have agreed to take on tasks for future issues and to the friends and family of everyone who has been working on this, for putting up with the crazy schedules and late work sessions.



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Advertisers welcome!

Starting with the next issue, the *Sheffield Times* will take ads. The deadline is October 15th.

The *Sheffield Times* accepts advertising at its discretion:

- From Sheffield businesses & residents: want ads; lost and found; for sale; services offered (i.e. landscaping, carpentry, electrical, forestry, typing, babysitting, day car, sewing etc.); business ads, etc.
- From outside of Sheffield: services, etc., that benefit Sheffield residents.
- No editorial or political ads.

For more information or to place an ad, contact Rene Wood at 229-2875 or renewood@aol.com.

COMMUNITY SPIRIT & ACTS OF KINDNESS

Do you have a story of a random (or not so random) act of kindness or community spirit that you would like to share? Consider submitting it to the Sheffield Times. If you prefer to have someone write it up for you, that can be arranged.

Opening and Entering With the Intent to Bring Joy

This happened. It happened twice. One day a beautiful freesia appeared amongst my house plants. On another day an incredible baby panda -- a Gund -- arrived on the back of my sofa. I did fall in love with it. Oh how I would love to know who perpetrated those acts of opening and entering, who it was that did indeed bring joy. — V. Drury

sized quilt will be raffled off. For more information, see page 4.

Crafts and climbing for kids

The Library and its grounds will be the site for children's programs the morning of Saturday, September 8. The Sheffield Boy Scouts will sponsor a climbing wall, which will provide those who are interested with the opportunity to try their hand at rock-climbing in a well-supervised and safe environment. You must fit into their safety harness to try the wall.

Concurrently, noted local outdoor educator Judy Isacoff will present a series of one-hour programs—Creating Art from Field and Forest, Nature Journaling and a Shooting Star Crafts project. The programs start at 10am and are sponsored by The Nature Conservancy.

Exploring Sheffield's history and land

The Sheffield Historical Society, at the north end of the Sheffield Green, gives tours of its historic buildings year-round, and will have special tours both Saturdays of the Celebration from 10am to 4pm. There are five buildings, including the Revolutionary-era Dan Raymond house, restored and furnished to provide insight into life in the late 18th century, and the mid-19th century carriage house, which holds a treasure trove of old tools, equipment and ingenious devices used in rural households and farms. Test your wits and your imagination in figuring out what some of these devices are!

The Historical Commission and the Society provide a self-guided walking tour through the center of Sheffield, with historic landmarks and houses. Another glimpse into history can be found at the Colonel Ashley House on Cooper Hill Road in Ashley Falls, which is open, as it is all weekends throughout the summer and fall, from 1 to 5pm.

Special events for the Celebration on Saturday, September 8, include guided tours of the new parish hall at Christ Church on Main Street from 2 to 5pm, and van tours of scenic and protected landscapes of agricultural or ecological importance, provided by the Sheffield Land Trust. Tours will take about an hour with vans leaving from the south end of the Green next to Dewey Hall at 1 and 2:30pm.

Also on the 8th, Dewey Hall (which the Sheffield Friendly Union has generously donated the use of for the Celebration) will host displays by various organizations and cottage industries.

One display will preview an upcoming Sheffield Land Trust exhibit of old and new photographs of Sheffield and Ashley Falls. The show will include copies of turn-of-

the-century photographs from the Historical Society's collection and new ones taken by photography students from Mt. Everett Regional High School and members of the land trust. The Land Trust is looking for additional photographs of the Sheffield landscape in years gone by for the larger exhibit next year (especially areas not covered in the Historical Society collection), and information will be available on how to contribute to that show.

Outside Dewey Hall there will be a special map of the town where residents can share the places they most care about and why.

Puppets, softball and ropes course

On Sunday, September 9, Celebration activities will focus on the Sheffield Town Park on Miller Avenue. Organized events begin at 1pm, but come early with a picnic and explore the pavilion and all the improvements the Town Park Committee has made to it over the last several years.

Softball starts at 1pm, with one diamond set for a kid's game and one for adults. Bring bats, balls and gloves if you have them, but extras will be on hand. (A big thank you to Tom Ingersoll for helping to make this possible!) Also at the park, the Sheffield Police Department will be demonstrating the Santi Gulotta ropes challenge course. The course is used in training to build trust and confidence. You can read about how the Department uses it during the summer D.A.R.E. camp on page 6 and then come see it for yourself.

Fridays at the Old Parish Church this summer have seen the first season of Sheffield's own Farmers' Market (see article on page 4). On September 14, the market will also be the site of an agriculturally oriented puppet show, "Maggie's Garden."

Hike, walk, bike, canoe...

For early risers and bird lovers, Saturday mornings can begin with a bird walk at Bartholomew's Cobble. Don Reid, the naturalist at the Cobble, runs a year-long program of lectures and walks that includes a Saturday morning walk at 7:30am in season. (For more on the Cobble's programs, see page 9.)

Several special hikes, bike and river tours have been organized for Sheffield in Celebration. Each require pre-registration. (See the Celebration calendar insert for contact information and where to meet.)

Guided nature hikes: (led by staff from The Nature Conservancy), Sunday, September 9 at 10am, hike up Race Brook Falls (off Route 41) with Frank Lowenstein. Or take the same hike the following Sunday at 2pm with Kay Sadhigi. On Sunday, September 9 at 2pm, walk the Drury Trail (off Barnum Street) with Tim Abbott.

Guided back-roads bike trips: On Sunday, September 16, Allison Lasso and Gary and Judy Schumer will lead bike trips, leaving at 10am from the Town Park. The short trip will be 8 miles, the long one 16 miles. Maps will also be available at Dewey Hall for self-guided bike routes.

Guided paddle on the Housatonic: The same day, at 1:30pm, Rick Donovan will lead a canoe trip on the Housatonic River. Participants can bring in their own canoes, or contact Rick Appalachian Mountain Gear to reserve one of the 6 additional canoes whose use has been donated for this event..

See the special calendar insert for details on times and locations for Sheffield in Celebration events.

This vintage shot of the original covered bridge by Carrie Smith Lorraine (left) and its current counterpart through the eyes of aspiring young photographer Alex Lampila are part of an exhibit of old and new photographs of the Sheffield landscape to be held at Dewey Hall on Saturday, September 8. The project paired Sheffield Land Trust and Sheffield Historical Society volunteers with photography students at Mt. Everett as part of an ongoing outreach program.





Farmers' Market Day: A Report from the Field

I wake up early on Friday, grateful for the previous day's rain, which saved me a day of watering. After chores and breakfast, it's time to start the harvest — certified organic, locally grown, delicious food, one reason I wanted to start the Farmers' Market of Sheffield.

Young tender squash and zucchini are first. By the time I've picked two pints of haricot verts (young tender beans), the kids are awake, dressed, fed and want to help. My son is old enough to pick the spiny cucumbers without pulling up the plants and my daughter carries them to the basket. Together we pick the raspberries—they get the low ones, and untangle my hair from the brambles when I reach for the far ones. Inside, I pull out the honey and jam. The counter overflows—it's time to pack the truck.

"The Beast," as we affectionately call it, already delivered the signs last night, now I load it with the paraphernalia for my stand. Just before I leave, I harvest the herbs, and the aroma of freshly cut basil accompanies us to town.

Arriving at the Old Parish Church parking lot, I find two of our out-of-town vendors already setting up. My husband, Jim, delivers the ice cream wagon (generously donated by Berkshire Ice Cream and maintained by Berkshire County Plumbing Supply) and hurries back to work. As I unload my truck, more vendors arrive, set up, chat, and get ready for business. Nine weeks into the season, everyone knows what he or she needs to do. I introduce myself to our newest vendor, J.P. Welch of Justamere Farm, and admire his maple products and his wife's soaps.

The market officially opens at 4pm, but customers begin to wend their way around the trucks to preview the show well before we open. By 5pm, I have introduced several people to gooseberries, sold some local honey to someone with allergies, and all of my produce is gone.

I leave my stand in the hands of Caitlin Hotaling to have an impromptu meetings

with David Whitman, our marketing guru, Pauline Banducci, the volunteer coordinator and Marcia Friedman, the Farmers' Market treasurer. All of these Sheffield residents have given of their time and talent to make this market successful and I am so grateful. I stop at Justamere Farm to see how business is going. Like all of our out-of-town vendors, he comments on the friendliness of the customers. I'm happy to hear it. Giving Sheffield people a place to congregate was another reason I started this market. Now it's time to do my own shopping.

I make my way first to Pasta Galore, where Jeremy Stanton will hold my spinach ravioli in the freezer until the market is over. The line is down at Berkshire Mountain Bakery, so I wait for Marius to sell me a loaf of my favorite sourdough bread — seven-grain. Next, a few bags of baby salad greens from Sandy at Phoenix Pharm. Buying a coffee gives me a chance to visit with Mark and Melissa's new baby at Uncommon Grounds and I enjoy a muffin from Drew Victory at Mainly Muffins. My husband arrives and asks if the kids have left any cucumbers on our vines to include in our dinner. I doubt it, so I send him over to Moon in the Pond Farm to buy some from Dominic Palumbo, the Farmers' Market advisor. Many of the vendors from whom I buy my Friday night dinner are here because of Dominic's contacts and his vision of the market as a connection between local eaters and local producers of a wide variety of foods.

I return to my stand and put my change back into the cash box. When my son is here, he spends his picking wages on perennials from Hi-Country flowers or the Perennial Ranch, and when I let him, on dessert from Farm House Bakers. My husband laughs as we load up for the return trip because we spend all our income, but we never go home empty-handed.

—June Wolfe

The Farmers' Market of Sheffield

is held in the Old Parish Church parking lot every Friday from 4-7pm through Columbus Day weekend. You can find fresh, locally produced fruit, eggs, honey, produce, meat, maple products, baked goods, pasta, ice cream, bread, muffins, coffee, herbs, cut flowers, plants and perennials. There is a little more room for interested vendors. Call market manager, June Wolfe, at 229-2012.

Food Assistance Program

The Sheffield Food Assistance Program serves Sheffield and the surrounding area, including Hillsdale, NY. It is a volunteer effort supported by area churches, schools and community members. It currently provides for over 20 families and there is always room for more.

If you are interested, please call the Program Monday mornings from 9am-10:30am at 229-2038, or come by Old Parish Church (the door nearest Town Hall) during that time to register.

News from Old Parish Church

Rev. Art Kaufman, will be away through September 3. Rev. Quintin Chin will be the guest preacher on Sunday, August 26 and on September 2, members will worship at Christ Church. Church School begins with a special family service on Sunday, September 9. Registration for this and Adult Learning Opportunities will take place after the 10am service.

On Saturday, October 20, the October Missions Dinner will be held. The lasagna supper will be followed by a talent show. Proceeds will go to support a project for the elderly in Osmanabad, India. Call the church office Tuesday or Friday mornings for more information.

Kid's Club, coordinated by June Wolfe, is Tuesday mornings from 9am to 12:30pm. It is a place where children can play and gives parents a break. Call the church office at 229-8173 for information.



5th Annual Heavenly Quilt Show

A wealth of quilts will be displayed at the Old Parish Church, Friday and Saturday, September 7 and 8. There will also be vendors and an appraisal service. (Those wishing to have quilts appraised by certified quilt appraiser Viven Lee Sayre, should call Connie Logan at 528-9941 for an appointment.) Lunch will be provided by church members.

This year's queen-sized raffle quilt has a stenciled flower design. It will be on display throughout the show and awarded on Saturday. Hours are 10am to 4:30pm Friday, and noon to 7pm on Saturday as part of Sheffield in Celebration. For information, contact Marion Whitman at 528-6013 or Betty Chidsey at 528-6282.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Sheffield's Senior Center, located in Dewey Hall at the south end of the Sheffield Green, has many on-going programs, says director Rea A. Eastman.

Sandy French leads a gentle aerobics class twice a week. Health-related services include blood-pressure monitoring, footcare, and visits by a hearing-aid specialist (see schedule below for specifics). Coming up will be a memory-testing program and a flu clinic to keep everyone well for the winter. Appointments are preferred but drop-ins may be accommodated as time permits.

The center has reference materials on medical, legal, consumer and housing issues. A counselor is on call to answer questions on Medicare and prescription drugs.

A knitting group meets every other Wednesday, knitting furiously to use up the generous amounts of yarn they've been given. The Taconic Learning Center starts with a stimulating choice of subjects in September. Call for the schedule. Also in the offering: potluck luncheons with accompanying programs, lunches out, and trips. Input on topics and destinations is welcome.

The Senior Center also delivers Meals on Wheels, which Elderly Services sends from Pittsfield. Volunteer drivers make home deliveries every weekday to seniors who, for one reason or another, find it difficult to make their own meals. Drivers are also available, by appointment, to take seniors to appointments or shopping.

Physical fitness class

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30am, starting September 11

Blood-pressure testing

Thursday, September 13, 9am-12pm
Wednesday, September 26, 12:30pm-2:30pm

Thursday, October 11, 9am-12pm

Footcare

Monday, September 10, 9am-1pm

Hearing-aid consulting

Thursday, November 1, 11am-1pm

Council on Aging

Board of Directors' meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 9am

Monday, October 15, 9am

NEEDED: Volunteer drivers for the Meals on Wheels Program. The Sheffield Senior Center needs more drivers. It takes about two hours once a week. Drivers tell us how rewarding it is to have their visits looked forward to so eagerly -- possibly the only person that senior sees all day. **ALSO NEEDED:** Drivers to take seniors shopping or to medical appointments. Drivers of all ages welcome. Call 229-7022.

NEW ADDITION TO CHRIST CHURCH

On Sunday afternoon, June 3rd, a 74-year-old promise was finally kept. Members of Christ Church Episcopal in Sheffield joined with friends from the community and neighboring churches to celebrate their new parish hall. The celebration's sequel comes on September 16th, when the Bishop of Western Massachusetts, the Right Reverend Gordon Scruton, arrives to dedicate the new building.

The addition, designed by the architectural firm of Burr and McCallum of Williamstown, manages to be both contemporary and complementary with the 90-year-old neo-Gothic church. Christ Church, designed by the architect of Washington Cathedral, Henry Vaughan, and furnished with Tiffany windows began as a mission 134 years ago and has always been small. In 1927, members first expressed the need for more space. Over the decades, many plans were put forward, but none came to fruition. Recently, the need became urgent with the growth of the congregation and a desire for handicap accessibility as well as more space for Sunday School, office work, parish counseling, hospitality and community outreach.

The congregation wanted to be

more open and inviting to the community, so Chris Tomich of Tomich Landscape Design created a design that uses terraces and benches to replaces the old, closed-in look.

These improvements have come at a cost, but generosity of many made it happen. Catherine Miller, "Clerk of the Works," chaired the Building Committee and supervised. Mike Shiels, the contractor, together with a host of sub-contractors and many other members of the community, worked generously and well. To the amazement of even the most casual passers-by, the work was completed in less than eight months. That speedy birth—and the new, welcoming appearance—has made this parish hall the talk of the town.

—Rev. Susan Crampton and Rick Pearse



New parish hall.

John Campbell Retires, New Director Named

After 29 years as director of the Bushnell-Sage Memorial Library, John Campbell has retired. Nancy M. Hahn, has been named as his successor.

John leaves behind an extraordinary legacy of librarianship, as well as a whole new library. Under his leadership, the old Sheffield Center School became the new Bushnell-Sage Memorial Library. With the help of two building committees, John, the Trustees of the Library, and the Town pushed for and received a \$690,000 grant to do the work, in which a Children's Room, an activity room, a kitchen and a public meeting room were added to the existing building. Pine Knoll behind the building has become an outdoor adjunct to the library. With the formation of the Friends of the Library, the Town was able to furnish and equip the new library using private funds.

Besides overseeing the renovation, John greatly increased the number of books in the library, and added audio and video tapes and puzzles to the collection. John fostered an ambience in both the old and new libraries that created a host of loyal

patrons and library-lovers in town. Many of them joined Town and Library representatives at a reception on July 21 to thank him for his years of service and wish him well in his retirement.

John's successor, Nancy Hahn comes to the Library from the Department of Defense Information School in Fort Meade, MD, where she had been the Director of Instructional support since 1999. Prior to that, she worked overseas, as the chief of the Army-Europe Library and Resource Center, and senior reference librarian for European Army Command.

Nancy is a native of Lee with family in the area. She has a B.A. in European History, an M.S. in education, and an MLS in Library and Information Sciences. In 1999, Ms. Hahn was one of nine people worldwide to receive the Association of the U.S. Army Regional Civilian Award for lifetime achievement. She is a history buff, particularly relishing the Civil War.

The Search Committee and Library Trustees are delighted to have Nancy as our new Director and are planning a "welcome" reception in October.

POLICE DEPARTMENT SUMMER D.A.R.E. CAMP

Every year, the Sheffield Police Department in conjunction with the Boston-based Governor's Alliance Against Drugs, sponsors a D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) summer program. This year's program, held at the Sheffield Town Park July 16 to 20, involved 53 children, including 12 older "mentors." The rest of the students were fifth graders from various elementary schools in southern Berkshire County. Participating were students from Farmington Elementary School in Otis, Lee Elementary and St. Mary School in Lee, Stockbridge Plain School, and of course Undermountain Elementary School in Sheffield.

The one-week course at the Town Park uses the Santi Gulotta Ropes Challenge Course (dedicated to Mr. Gulotta's memory last year) to teach students team work and trust using a variety of low and high "elements." The final element is a "zip line," which is about 50 feet off the ground and 500 feet long. While in a harness, the student is hooked onto a pulley attached to the line and rides the length of the line.

There are currently eight low elements and four high elements, with plans to add a fifth. The ropes course, now three years old, was built by Richard Holstein of Berkshire Adventures, with help from Officers Jeff Roosa and Todd Moriarty of the Sheffield Police Department. A portion of this course will be part of the Sheffield in Celebration activities. Please see the enclosed calendar of events for more details.

All 10 of the law-enforcement officers who spent the week working with the children on the course were trained "ropes facilitators." In addition to the four Sheffield Police Officers—Jeff Roosa, Sherry Johnson, Susan Rathbun, and Scott

Farrell—there were officers from the Stockbridge, Lee and Massachusetts State Police, and the Southern Berkshire Probation Department.

Many local businesses supported the camp. Lunches were donated by Limey's and the Pizza Palace, snacks by P.J's Convenience Store, and drinks and ice for the coolers by Silk's Variety Store. Many businesses from Egremont and Great Barrington also helped out. Everything is free for the children, including D.A.R.E. T-shirts, and camp would not have been possible without the generosity of these community businesses.

The course culminated with a cookout on Friday for the children and their families and friends. Chief James McGarry, Town Administrator Bob Weitz, and Chief Garreth Blackhaus of Monterey manned the grill. Burgers and hot dogs were donated by The Old Mill in Egremont. In a demonstration of the ropes course's high elements, Dan Barry of Egremont showed how to climb the "vertical playground," Magan Peabody of Housatonic went for a ride on the "zip line," and Sam Crawford, Santi Gulotta's grandson, showed everyone how to conquer the "burma bridge."

The Sheffield Police are proud to be able to offer this program and wish to thank all of the supporters, because it takes everyone's help to pull it off each year. Programs like this can be offered by the Police Department because of the support and community commitment of Chief James McGarry; Lee Clark, administrative assistant at the Police Department who, does a lot of work fielding the phone calls and messages prior to camp week; Officer Sherry Johnson the camp coordinator; and Officer Jeff Roosa who is course manager and is trained in rope rescue.

—Officer Sherry Johnson

HELP WANTED (Paid Positions)

Conservation Commission Secretary. The Conservation Commission is in need of a recording secretary. This is a paid part-time position for which attendance at the regular meetings is required. Additional work is available on an as-needed basis with very flexible scheduling. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of the month. For more information, please contact chairman Shawn Cassidy at 229-2646.

Compactor Operator & Recycling Attendant. The Town is advertising for a Transfer Station attendant. The hours are Tuesdays and Fridays from 1pm to 4pm. Contact the Town Administrator's office at 229-2335 for more information.

VETERANS' SERVICES

The Department of Veterans' Services provides benefits and services to all veterans, dependents, and survivors of veterans. Al Adams is the Director of the District Department of Veterans' Services, located at the Great Barrington Town Hall. He can be reached Monday through Friday from 9am-5pm at 528-1580, or by mail at P.O. Box 391, Great Barrington, MA 01230.

Help is available on a wide variety of matters, including:

- Financial situations (state bonus payments, VA compensation and pension matters, industrial accident cases, housing, insurance, loan guaranty, retirement issues, Social Security, tax benefits).
- Health care (hospitalization or home care, medical problems, rehabilitation, the VA's new health-care program);
- Employment issues (education and vocational benefits, civil service);
- Legal help (power of attorney, notary services, copying, requesting, or recording documents); and
- Service-related matters (discharge difficulties, POW/MIA, Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, veterans cemeteries).

There is also a Women Veterans' Network to provide women veterans with information on benefits and advocate on their behalf. E-mail address is DVSwomen@vet.state.ma.us

If you have questions about these or other services or about whether or not you are eligible to receive benefits, contact Al Adams.

Sheffield Fire Department Log *submitted by John Ullrich, Chief*

June 3 Smoke in the area of Route 7 North,
Alarm time: 5:15pm; in service: 5:26pm
3 Structure Fire, Schiller Residence.
Alarm time: 8:23pm; in service: 12:05am
7 Brush Fire.
Alarm time: 12:10pm; in service: 12:16pm
15 Alarm, Sheffield Plastics.
Alarm time: 11:10am; in service: 11:25am
22 Alarm, Sheffield Plastics.
Alarm time: 11:45pm; in service: 11:58pm
28 Alarm, Sheffield Plastics.

Alarm time: 2:15pm; in service: 2:35pm
30 Wires Burning on Tree.
Alarm time: 7:32pm; in service: 7:40pm
July 1 Lightning Struck Buchholz Residence.
Alarm time: 4:10pm; in service: 5:03pm
10 Alarm, Berkshire School.
Alarm time: 6:35pm; in service: 7:05pm
21 Washing Machine Fire.
Alarm time: 8:50am; in service: 9:21am
23 Alarm, SBRSD.
Alarm time: 11:40pm; in service: 12:08am

MORE FROM TOWN HALL...

Assessors & Collectors:

Assessors Hours: 9am-1pm weekdays

Chapter 61A & 61B

annual application deadline.

Reminder to all taxpayers/farmers with land currently classified under M.G.L. Chapter 61A or Chapter 61B: The deadline for filing the application is **OCTOBER 1!**

Real estate taxes.

Remember your second preliminary tax bill payment is due **NOVEMBER 1!** Preliminary tax bills were mailed in late June for the August & November payments. No reminders will be sent by mail, so mark your calendars!

Personal exemptions.

Exemptions are available if you're a senior citizen age 70 or older, veteran with a service connected disability, surviving spouse, minor child of deceased parents or blind. Contact the Assessors Office to see if you qualify.



Town Clerk:

What the Town Clerk Can Do For You

Do you need a marriage, hunting or dog license, or a certified copy of your birth certificate? Are you interested in the minutes of a committee meeting or when a meeting is? Are you looking for old Town Records or do you have a question about voting?

These are just some of the things the Town Clerk can help you with:

- *Vital records.* Certified copies of birth, marriage and death certificates (\$5 each).
- *Marriage intentions.* A couple must appear together at the Town Clerk's office for filing of intentions (\$15.00).
- *Dog licenses.* All dogs six months and over need a license. A vet's certificate of current rabies shots is required. Cost: \$4 if spayed or neutered, \$10 if not. Licenses expire March 31 each year. You have April to purchase licenses after that, a \$25 penalty applies.
- *Hunting and fishing licenses.*
- *Genealogy.* Searches in town records. By appointment only.

- Helen Johnston, Town Clerk

Planning Board: Smoothing the Permit Process

Are you planning to put up a sign, do an addition, or build something new? Are you thinking about running a business out of your home? Here are some time-saving tips from the Planning Board to help make the decision making process a smooth one for you and the town.

First, review the zoning by-laws for your area to find out what is allowed and what you may need to get permission for. Copies are available at the Town Clerk's office and a color-coded map of the Zoning Districts is posted in the Assessors Office.

Second, talk with the Building Inspector (229-7006). As the zoning enforcement officer, he can provide you with information and point you in the right direction, including if there is anything you'll need to work through with the Planning Board.

Third, if you need to go through the Planning Board, read the forms carefully and talk with one of the members to make sure you know what information to provide and in what format.

Taking the time to collect the proper information up-front will save time and resources in the end.

Having a Tag Sale?

If you are planning a tag sale, you must get a permit from the Sheffield Police Department before the first day of the sale. The fee is \$3, cash or check payable to the Town of Sheffield. You can stop by the Police Station at the corner of Route 7 and Berkshire School Rd. weekdays from 8am to 4pm or call Lee at the Sheffield Police Department (229-8522) to have the permit mailed to you.

Each residence is allowed two tag sales per year. To have a sale more often than that requires a second-hand goods license, available through the Town Administrator's Office, 229-7000.

Permit holders are asked to remove all posted tag sale signs immediately following the sale. People visiting your sale must park their vehicles all the way out of the street's line of travel, without blocking access for neighboring driveways or streets. Vehicles must not be parked any closer than 250 feet to a curve or intersection.

Contact the Sheffield Police Department if you have any questions.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

What do you want Sheffield and Ashley Falls to look and feel like in 10 years? What *will* they look and feel like in 10 years? Are there experiences you've had that you would like future generations to enjoy or to avoid? Is there a special place you would like your children or grandchildren to know?

The town has funding to complete a Community Development and Master Plan to help guide the future of our community, but securing the funding is only the first step. The planning process is an important way to define Sheffield as a community. The heart of the plan is each and every one of us — from all walks of life and of all ages.

The purpose of the plan is to help map out what Sheffield's goals are as a Town and a community and what steps we need to take to reach those goals. The kinds of questions it will address include:

- Where do we want to focus future economic development?
- What kind of water quality and open space protection do we need?
- How can we address housing needs?
- What kind of changes can we expect in transportation needs as the Town grows?

The Planning and Select Boards will be working together to appoint a representative group of citizens to begin the process of creating a vision for the Town. If you are interested in being part of this process, please contact Wray Gunn, Planning Board liaison, at 229-2668.

Town service opportunities

The Town of Sheffield currently has openings on the following boards, committees and commissions:

- Conservation Commission
- Historical Commission
- Industrial Development Commission
- School Committee
- Zoning Board of Appeals

Please attend a couple of meetings and contact the Selectboard's office at 229-2335 if you are interested.

Did you know?

Massachusetts requires a registrant who moves to an address other than that shown on the excise tax bill to contact the Registry of Motor Vehicles *within 30 days* of such change to update the license and registration.

organizations & BUSINESSES

Old Stone Store Rescue Under Way

The Sheffield Historical Society acquired the Old Stone Store in October 1999 to save this important piece of local history. The oldest commercial building in town, it occupies a strategic place, historically and geographically, in the community, marking one end of the town green and serving as an unofficial entrance to the equally historic Town Hall. Both buildings date from circa 1830.

With community support, the goal is to restore the building to be used as a museum, exhibit space, and a community information center. Displays by local artists, artisans, cottage industries and specialty collectors will be featured as well as promotions of special events for community organizations. Residents and visitors will be able to learn about local cultural and historical attractions, businesses and services.

The Historical Society has taken out a loan of \$180,000 to begin the major part of the \$230,000 restoration and is seeking broad based community support for this community betterment project.

The Historical Society is undertaking several fund-raisers to benefit the Stone Store, including:

A Raffle of "The Town Common", an acrylic painting in the American primitive style, is on display in the lobby of Berkshire Bank. Painted by well known folk artist Regi Klein, it depicts the Sheffield Town Green of old, including the Old Parish Church, Stone Store, Town Hall, Dan Raymond House, and Miller Hotel (now the site of Gulotta's Mobil Station). In the foreground are residents,

Restoration work at the Stone Store as viewed from the Town Hall parking lot.



circa 1900, engaged in daily activities. Raffle tickets are \$10 and are available at the Historical Society headquarters, Marion Whitman or Catherine Miller and the Stone Store Restoration Committee. The drawing will be held in December in time for the holidays.

A concert of Civil War songs and readings from Berkshire County Civil War letters and diaries. The program will be held at Old Parish Church, Sunday, October 21 at 2pm. Local bass-baritone John-Arthur Miller will sing music by Sheffield native George Frederick Root, composer of popular Civil War music, while Julianne Boyd and others from Barrington Stage will read from letters and diaries of Berkshire soldiers. Among the readings will be excerpts from the diaries of Robert Hale Kellogg at the notorious Confederate Andersonville Prison, and by Albert N. Cowles at the siege of Port Hudson, where so many Berkshire County soldiers lost their lives. A public reception honoring the performers and the descendants of the Root, Cowles, Kellogg, and other families will follow. Tickets are \$15.



A crane and work crew finish lowering the protective overhang that keeps clay clean as it dries at Sheffield Pottery, on Route 7. (For those who have always wondered what that tall neck and roof were for, here is the answer!) Sheffield Pottery digs native clay on-site and dried it to be ground and combined with other ingredients to produce their finished product for market. The long neck was eliminated to provide more stability and protection, part of a larger expansion effort.

Historical Society Schedule

On-going

Tours of the Dan Raymond House, Main Street Thursdays - Saturdays, 11am-4pm. Fee.

Mark Dewey Research Center, Main Street Mondays and Fridays 1:30-4pm. Free.

Special Events

Ice Cream Social (part of Sheffield in Celebration). On the Green, Sheffield. Saturday, September 8, 4-8pm. Free.

"A Time of War: A Northern Chronicle of the Civil War" with Stewart Murrey. Stories of Berkshire County residents during the Civil War. Dewey Hall* Friday, September 14, 7:30pm. Free.

Mass Audubon Mt. Everett Sanctuary Hike. Jim Miller (Society archivist) will discuss the lime kiln on & Laura Beltran (Mass Audubon) the natural aspects of this Silver Street property. Bring a snack and dress appropriately. Wednesday, October 10, 9:30am-12pm. Fee.

"Where Did They Go." An analysis of the out-house with David Dashiell, Director of the Bidwell House. Dewey Hall* Friday, October 12, 7:30pm. Fee.

"Spirits of Sheffield Cemetery Walk." Make contact with the voices from Sheffield's past in this evening of spiritual communications. Sackett Cemetery, Ashley Falls. Saturday, October 13, 5-7pm. Fee.

"The Civil War: Music and Writings of the Berkshires." Benefit for 1834 Stone Store restoration (see story this page). Old Parish Church*, Sunday, October 21, 2pm. Fee.

*Dewey Hall and Old Parish are on Main Street in the center of Sheffield.

Art League Scholarships & Show

In addition to sponsoring exhibits, workshops, lectures and trips, the Sheffield Art League (SAL) awards annual scholarships to high school seniors who are promising young artists. This year's scholarship recipients are Matthew Kelly of Waconah Regional and Megan VanDuesen of Housatonic Valley Regional high schools. They will attend UMass-Amherst and Pratt Institute in New York, respectively. Both received \$1,500 awards. Ms. VanDuesen's oil "Self Portrait #6" was part of SAL's 30th Annual Juried Summer Exhibition in July.

SAL's 27th Annual Member August Show runs through September 3 at Dewey Hall. A raffle for an original watercolor "February Walk," by Tom Key, to be drawn the last day of the show will benefit next year's scholarships. Tickets are available at the show.

Those interested in membership or programs may visit SAL on the web at www.sheffieldartleague.org or contact Ed Levin, President (528-9904), Peggy Axelrod, Secretary (528-0565) or Hans Heuberger, Treasurer (528-1612). Mail: P.O. Box 296, Gt. Barrington, MA 01230.

SCOUT & 4H NEWS

Boy Scout Troop 28 meets Wednesdays from 7pm to 8pm at the Sheffield American Legion Hall at the junction of Route 7 and Cook Road. Troup 28 will be holding its Roast Beef Dinner on September 29th at the Hall. The dinner will have two seatings, the first at 5pm and the second at 6:30pm. Tickets may be purchased from any of the troop members; adults \$8 and children (under 12) \$4. The funds raised will help pay for summer camp, trips, camporees, and other activities. For information on Scouting in general or the Roast Beef Dinner, contact Scout Master George A. Oleen at 229-6670.

Cub Scout Pack 28 will be holding a sign-up night at Mt. Everett Regional High School, in the Eagles Loft on September 12th from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Boys in grades 1-5 in the Southern Berkshire Regional School system who are interested in Cub Scouts should attend with a parent or guardian. For more information, contact Pack Committee Chair George A. Oleen at 229-6670.

Sheffield Whinnies 4-H Club will hold their monthly meeting at Mt. Everett on Monday September, 10 at 7pm. They will be planning their winter schedule. Anyone who is interested in coming should contact Mary Brazie at 528-2367 for more information. Open enrollment begins in October.

Landmark Volunteers Renovates Building

Have you been wondering about the newly renovated building on Route 7 opposite Sheffield-Egremont Road? Long-time residents may remember this location at 800 N. Main Street for one of its many prior incarnations as a car dealership, a gas station, a hair salon, or an engineering office.

Now, it's the new office for Landmark Volunteers, a non-profit community service organization that brings work crews of high school students to aid some of the country's most important historic, cultural, conservation, and social-service institutions. Students, under the supervision of an adult team leader, provide two weeks of labor for the host organization.

Landmark, celebrating its 10th year this summer, has always been based in Sheffield, but the renovation and new office has served to spotlight the organization's presence in the community. One of the original and on-going service opportunities, is also right here in Sheffield, working with the Berkshire

Taconic Landscape Program of The Nature Conservancy at their Schenob Brook Preserve. For the last several years volunteers working on this project have been housed at Mount. Everett Regional High School with Catherine Miller as the local liaison.

The new office also provides Landmark with a new opportunity to interact with the public, through the large conference



New life for 800 N. Main Street.

room that is available for use by community organizations. The room can accommodate 20 to 24 people. Landmark also has three offices for rent, furnished and wired for 2001. Contact Peggy Barrett at 229-0255 for more information on the conference room or offices.

Bartholomew's Cobble September – October Programs

Bartholomew's Cobble, at the corner of Weatogue and Rannapo Roads in Ashley Falls, features hawk watches, regular canoe trips and more on its fall natural-history program. A great diversity of migrating hawks and other species travel through the Housatonic Valley in the fall. Hurlburt's Hill at the Cobble has long been recognized as one of the best places in the state to observe the hawk migration.

The Cobble, a nature center with trails and visitors center, is owned and operated by The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR) and is open to Sheffield and Ashley Falls residents without charge. Don Reid is Western Massachusetts regional ecologist. Some programs are free to TTOR members; some require a fee. Call (413) 229-8790.

Canoe Trips on the Housatonic River. Every Sunday morning: 9am-12pm. Pre-registration required. Fee.

Canoe Trip with Naturalist Charles W.G. Smith. Sunday, September 9: 9am to 12pm Pre-registration required. Fee.

Hawks – Field Identification with Naturalist Don Reid. Saturdays September 15- October 13, 10am-2pm. Introduction to field identification. Dress warmly, bring a snack. Member, Free; Non-member, fee.

Astronomy and Star Gazing with Stephan Martin. Saturday, September 8: 7:30-9:30pm. Pre-registration required. Bring binoculars, if you have them, and dress warmly. Fee.

Hawk Workshop. Friday, September 14, evening lecture and slide show, 7:30pm-9:00pm; Saturday, September 15; Field identification, 10am-2pm. Pre-registration required. Dress warmly, bring a snack. Fee.

Nature Journaling with Hilary Russell. Sunday, September 16: 9am-12pm. Also Sunday, October 14: 9-12pm. Pre-registration required. A workshop on techniques of observation, description, and narration. The group gathers at the Bailey Environmental Education Center, a rustic retreat on the north Cobble. Fee.

Lichen Workshop with Phil May. Wednesday, September 26, 9am-4pm. Pre-registration required. Daylong intensive geared toward naturalists and interpreters of natural history. Fee.

Fungi workshop with Mycologist Rick Van De Poll. Friday, September 28, 9am-4pm. Pre-registration required. All-day intensive geared for naturalists and interpreters of natural history. Fee.

Night hike – Owl prowl with a naturalist. Saturday, October 20, 8pm-9:30pm. Also Saturday, November 3, 8pm-9:30 pm. Dress warmly. Fee.

Waterfowl workshop. Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27. Friday evening lecture and slide show, 7:30-9pm; Saturday field identification, 10am-2pm. Pre-registration required. Learn identification and life histories of migrating waterfowl species. Dress warmly and bring a snack. Fee.

Birding the Mid-Atlantic Coast. October 19 – 23. Join Regional Ecologist Don Reid and Massachusetts Audubon's Berkshire Sanctuary's Director Rene Laubach on birding quest of fall migrants along the mid-Atlantic coast. Please call Don at (413) 229-8600 for more information and an itinerary.

Churches and Services

Sheffield

Christ Church (Episcopal)

180 Main Street (413) 229-8811

Sunday: 8am & 10am Holy Eucharist; 10am Sunday School & childcare; Thursday: 10am Holy Eucharist & Healing. Rev. Susan H. Crampton

Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Route 7 & Kellogg Road (413) 229-8649
The public is welcome.

Faith Baptist

640 North Main Street (413) 229-0400

Sunday: 10am Sunday School; 11am Worship Service; 6pm Bible Study; Thursday: 7pm Prayer Meeting. Rev. H. Shelton Cole

Old Parish (United Church of Christ)

125 Main Street (413) 229-8173

Sunday: 10am Worship and Church School. Sunday, September 2 worship will be at Christ Church Episcopal. Rev. Art Kaufman, Pastor

Our Lady of the Valley (Catholic)

Maple Avenue (413) 229-3028

Saturday: 5:30pm Mass; Sunday: Sheffield 7:30am, 9am Masses; Mill River 10:30 Mass. Rev. Frederick L. Heberle

Sheffield Chapel (non-denominational)

1970 North Main Street (413) 528-0233

Sunday: 8am & 9:45am Morning Worship; 9:30am Sunday School. Pastor Chet Howes

Ashley Falls

Grace Bible (Conservative Baptist)

Clayton Road (413) 229-8560; parsonage (860) 824-7442.

Sunday: 9:30am Sunday School (ages 3-adult); 10:30am Worship Service, nursery care provided. Rev. Edward Eastman, Pastor

Trinity Methodist (United Methodist)

1156 Ashley Falls Road (413) 229-2712

Sunday: 10am Service. Pastor Betty LeGeyt

Great Barrington

Congregation Ahavath Shalom

(reconstructionist)

North Street (413) 528-4197 Friday, 8pm & Saturday, 10am. Services are not held every week. Schedules are updated weekly on the answering machine, including special services for High Holy Days

Hevreh of Southern Berkshire

270 State Road (413) 528-6378 Friday: 7:30pm Shabbat Service; Saturday: 10am Shabbat service & Torah study. Rabbi Deborah Zecher

Trinity Lutheran

St. James 352 Main Street (413) 528-1330

Sunday: 9:30am Sunday Worship. Rev. George E. Mayer

Unitarian Universalist Meeting of South Berkshire

St. James, 352 Main Street church (413) 528-4850; home (413) 528-3106.

Sunday: 5pm. Rev. Kathy Duhon

Real-estate transfers - June & July

June 6 Ronald G. Cormier Sr. to Raymond A

Wells, property at 301 Salisbury Rd, \$92,000.

8 Joseph G. Welch and Rita H. Welch to Rita H. Welch, property at 80 Frederic Lane, Transfer.

8 Susan Dendy to Tammi Day, property at 232 Giberson Road North, \$500,000.

8 Connecticut Sand and Stone to Century Acquisition, Inc., property at Clayton Road, \$395,000.

11 Charlene Limoges to Garry P. Ovitt, Jr. and Kristie A. Ovitt, property at Clayton Road, \$31,000.

15 Elizabeth P. Markham to Keith and Michele M. Wilkinson, property at Home Road, \$5,500.

15 Joseph W. Merola and Elizabeth C. Merola to Elizabeth C. Merola, property at 107 East Main Street, Transfer.

15 Kenneyth Safian and Naomi Gross to Stuart W. an Susan E. Twemlow, property at 942 County Road, \$318,500.

20 Clifford F. Martin to Mary B. Martin, property at 604 Polikoff Road, Transfer.

21 Betsy A. Daigle, Gary Danko and Betty J. Arnold to Marilyn Baseman, property at 179 South Main Street, \$140,000.

25 Frederic Blair and Janice E. Blair to Kerri Blair, property at Alder Place, less than \$100.

25 Alfred M. Leffingwell to William Breen, property at 1739 Hewins Street, \$30,000.

25 Ann-Marie Haimm-Regan to Jane M. Lombardi, property at 1720 Home Road, \$135,000.

26 Raymond J. Dunn, Jr. to Raymond J. Dunn, Jr. and Raymond J. Dunn, Sr., property at 801 Clayton Road, Transfer.

27 Minnie L. Markham to James T. Collingwood, Sr. and Betty Collingwood, property on Home Road, \$5,200.

28 James Wilson Kelly, Trustee of Brush Hill Realty Trust to Bluebird Hill Development Limited Liability Corporation, property at County Road, Transfer.

28 Daniel J. Magherly to Daniel J. and Leisa J. Magherly, property at Bow Wow and Bears Den Road, Transfer.

28 Gregg Siter and Kathleen Siter to Deborah J. Goewey and Jane Goewey, property at 199 Polikoff Road, \$125,000.

28 Joseph B. Gold and Claudia Meininger Gold to William F. and Frances R. Hobbie, property at 1193 Rannapo Road, \$202,500.

29 Irene Daily to Susan Austin, property at 68 Root Lane, \$175,000.

29 Bradford L. Whit to Sylvia L. Johnson, property at 271 Clayton Road, \$137,790.

July 2 Jeffrey VonEr to Gerald & Barbara Clow, property at 15 Main Street, \$375,000.

2 Sisson Hill Realty Trust and Kingsley Kelly to Lloyd H. and Lisa Busch, property at County Road, \$35,000.

2 Brush Hill Realty Trust and James Wilson Kelly to James Wilson Kelly, property at County Road, \$1.

2 James Wilson Kelly to Clement J. Hils, Jr., property at County Road, \$35,000.

3 Lawrence H. Ball, Sr. and Patricia Hervieux to Donna H. and Mark P. Newman, property at 387 Polikoff Road, \$180,000.

3 Clifford F. Martin to Claudia L. Martin, property at 642 Polikoff Road, \$20,000.

5 Walter J. Noruse to Walter J. and Sharon R. Nourse, property at 1763 Home Road, Transfer.

6 James R. White to Stephen K. Ullrich, property at South Main Street, \$51,000.

13 Dorothy B. Edwards to Wesley L. Wheeler, property at 1835 South Undermountain Road, \$90,000.

16 David M. Weiss to Robert S. Kauffman and Beth A. Harlan, property at 604 Sheffield Plain, \$211,000.

17 Philip D. Fabres and Michelle Demellier to Michelle Demellier, property at 158 Rannapo Road, Transfer.

17 Thomas A. Hitchcock and Victoria H. Hitchcock to Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement, property at Home Road, \$110,000.

18 Todd M. Moriarty f/k/a Todd H. Moriarty and Stacey Tinker to Todd M. Moriarty and Stacey T. Moriarty, property at Bunce Road, Transfer.

20 Joyce Y. Freundlich to Norman J. Schnayer (husband), property at Polikoff Road, \$30,750.

2001-02 School Committee Meeting Schedule:

September 6 & 20; October 4 & 18; November 1 & 15; December 6 & 20; January 3, 17 & 31; February 14 & 28 (open hearing on FY2003 budget); March 14 (FY2003 budget vote) & 27; April 11 & 25; May 9 & 23; June 6 & 20.

Meetings are generally held at 7pm in the Library at Mt. Everett, with the exception of: September 20 (New Marlborough Central School), October 18 (Alford Town Hall), November 15 (Monterey School) & December 20 (South Egremont School).

Soccer Schedules

Saturday Soccer. The Undermountain Elementary Youth Athletic Association sponsors youth soccer on Saturday mornings for children in grades 1-8. Remaining registration is at Mt. Everett September 1, on the soccer fields when the season will begin with a skills assessment. The season will run until October 27. Playing times are 9-10:30am for grades 1-4, and 10:30am-12:30pm for grades 5-8. \$15.00/person.

Competitive Travel Teams. Registration and try-outs have already taken place for both boys and girls U 10, 12 & 14 teams. Games are Saturday & Sunday throughout Berkshire County, with practices evenings during the week. The season runs from September 8 to the end of October at the Mt. Everett soccer fields.

Contact Charlie McSpirtt at 229-8215 with questions about either program.

Celebrating Sheffield
and Ashley Falls

September 8th to
16th, 2001

SHEFFIELD in CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8TH

Morning & All Day Events

- 7:30am The Birds of S. Berkshire County** (Bartholomew's Cobble)
10am-11am Art Show Opening: Coffee & refreshments at the Library
10am-5pm Art Show: "Anything and Everything about Sheffield and Ashley Falls" (all day at Library)
10am-1pm Children's Programming with Judy Isacoff & The Nature Conservancy (behind the Library). Everyone's welcome.*
• 10am: "Art from Field and Forest" (Kids 5+)
• 11am: "Nature Journaling: What's special about this place?" (Families and kids 10+)
• 12pm: "Shooting Star Craft Project" (Kids 7+)
10am-3pm Sheffield Boy Scouts Climbing Wall (behind the Library — weather permitting)
10am-4pm Tours of the Sheffield Historical Society buildings & grounds**

Afternoon/Evening

- noon-7pm 5th Annual Heavenly Quilt Show (Old Parish Church, On the Green, Sheffield)
1pm-5pm • Tours: The Col. Ashley House**
• Tours: The History of Main Street & Its Buildings (from center of Sheffield), Sheffield Historical Society/Commission (Pick up guide at Sheffield Historical Society or Dewey Hall, On the Green, Sheffield).
• Tours: Van Tours of scenic and protected land: farms and natural landscapes, Sheffield Land Trust (leaving from Dewey Hall at 1pm & 2:30pm) Space is limited!
• Places of the Heart map & descriptions — Mark what places are special to you. (Outside at Dewey Hall, On the Green, Sheffield)
Tour: Christ Church
3pm-4pm Star Gazing & Astronomy* (Bartholomew's Cobble)
7:30pm-9:30pm **Celebration on the Green**
(center of town between Dewey Hall & the Stone Store)
• Food & an Ice Cream Social—Kiwanis, local establishments, Sheffield Historical Society
• Music by local favorites including Tom Ingersoll & Justin Mather
• Classic Cars
• Sheffield & Ashley Falls Cottage Industry Showcase: Discover some of the home-centered businesses and skilled craftsmen & women in your own back yard. Woodworking (from chair repair to hand crafted boxes), re-caning, massage therapy, photography, upholstery... and more!
Displays: Mt. Everett Community Trail "Show & Tell" with students from Undermountain Elementary & Mt. Everett • Exhibit of photographs of Sheffield, turn of the century and now, Sheffield Land Trust, Mt. Everett photography class, Historical Society archives.
• Places of the Heart map & descriptions — Mark what places are special to you. (Outside at Dewey Hall, On the Green, Sheffield)
5pm-7pm • Children's Activities (face painting, three-legged races, basketball, etc.)
• Pony & hayrides
• Glory B Clown Troupe will be on hand to entertain one and all

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9TH

Morning

- 7:30am The Birds of S. Berkshire County** (Bartholomew's Cobble)
9am-12pm Canoe the Housatonic* **: guided tour with Naturalist Charles Smith (Bartholomew's Cobble)
10am-1pm Nature Hike: Race Brook Falls (off Rte. 41) with Frank Lowenstein, The Nature Conservancy* (meet at the Race Brook Falls parking area near junction of Rte. 41 & Salisbury Rd.)
10am-5pm Art show (all day at Library)

Midday

- lunch time Bring a picnic & explore the Town Park before the games begin.
1pm-5pm Tours of the Col. Ashley House**
1pm-4pm Softball games at the Town Park; adult game and kids game
Police Dept. Ropes Challenge Course (Town Park)

Afternoon/Evening

- 2pm-5pm Nature Hike: Drury Trail (off Barnum St.) with Tim Abbott, The Nature Conservancy* (meet at Town Hall parking lot at 1:30 to carpool to trail head)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14TH

Afternoon/Evening

- 4pm-7pm Sheffield Farmers' Market** (Old Parish Parking Lot)
5pm "Maggie's Garden" puppet show at the Farmers' Market: Maggie the Saw Horse and her Garden Puppets will perform "Maggie's Garden" where worms grow in the compost and plants grow before your very eyes! Sponsored by Berkshire Grown and the Sheffield Farmers' Market.
7:30pm-9pm Slide show & lecture on Hawks* (Bartholomew's Cobble)
Field identification Saturday morning** (Bartholomew's Cobble)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15TH

Morning

- 7:30am The Birds of S. Berkshire County** (Bartholomew's Cobble)
10am-2pm Hawks: Field Identification* ** (Bartholomew's Cobble)
10am-5pm Art show (all day at Library)
10am-4pm **Ashley Falls Fair on the Green**
(On the Green in Ashley Falls—rain date: Sept. 16th)
• Food, pies & bake sale—Kiwanis and home-made
• Arts and crafts from local artists and artisans
• Silent Auction to benefit the Community Holiday Tree Lighting & 50/50 raffle
• "Guess the Weight" of a big Howden Pumpkin
• Children's activities (three-legged races, a hoola-hoop contest, pumpkin painting and more)
• 11am: Pet parade
• 11am & 2pm: Ashley Falls Walking Tour
• noon-4pm: Music by the JD Band
10am-4pm Tours of the Sheffield Historical Society buildings & grounds**



Midday

- 1pm-5pm Tours of the Col. Ashley House**

Afternoon/Evening

- 5pm-7pm Community "meet the artists" reception. Food & beverages. (at Library)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16TH

Morning

- 7:30am The Birds of S. Berkshire County** (Bartholomew's Cobble)
9am-12pm Canoe the Housatonic* **: guided tour with naturalist Charles Smith (Bartholomew's Cobble)
9am-12pm Nature Journaling with Hilary Russell* (Bartholomew's Cobble)
10am Back-roads Bike Tour: 8 & 16 mile options. Led by Allison Lasso & Gary & Judy Schumer (Meet at Town Park, Miller Avenue.)
10am-12pm Art Show (at Library)
2pm-5pm Nature Hike: Race Brook (off Rte. 41) with Kay Sadhigi, The Nature Conservancy* (meet at the Race Brook Falls parking area near junction of Rte. 41 & Salisbury Rd.)

Midday

- 1pm-5pm Tours of the Col. Ashley House**
1pm Canoe the Housatonic to the Sheffield Covered Bridge.* Local guide Rick Donovan will lead this easy and scenic family friendly paddle. Bring your own canoe or call Appalachian Mt. Gear to reserve one of the six canoes that they are donating for this use.

PRE-REGISTRATION NUMBERS

The Nature Conservancy: 229-0232

Bartholomew's Cobble: 229-8600 (There is a fee for some Cobble Programs.)

Appalachian Mountain Gear: 528-8811

* Indicates Pre-registration required.

** Indicates an activity ongoing throughout the summer and fall.

Sponsoring organizations include: Ashley Falls Fair Committee, Ashley Falls Village Improvement Society, Christ Church Episcopal, Farmers Market of Sheffield, Friends of the Bushnell-Sage Memorial Library, Glory B Clown Troupe, Old Parish Church & Kids Club, the Town of Sheffield, Sheffield Art League, Sheffield Association, Sheffield Boy Scouts, Sheffield Fire Dept., Sheffield Friendly Union, Sheffield Historical Society, Sheffield Kiwanis, Sheffield Land Trust, Sheffield Whinnies 4-H, The Nature Conservancy, The Trustees of Reservation (Bartholomew's Cobble).

The Sheffield Association Presents
"ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING
ABOUT SHEFFIELD AND ASHLEY FALLS"

The Sheffield in Celebration Art Show

at the Bushnell-Sage Library, Rte. 7, Sheffield

SPECIAL EVENTS

OPENING COFFEE HOUR: Saturday, September 8th, 10 am-12 pm

PUBLIC RECEPTION TO MEET THE ARTISTS: Saturday, September 15th, 5 pm -7 pm

SHOW HOURS

Saturday and Sunday, September 8th and 9th, 10 am- 5 pm

Saturday, September 15th, 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday, September 16th, 10 am -1 pm



"The Berkshires is filled with artistic talent expressed in varied forms. This show provides an opportunity to exhibit a sample of works by many fine artists inspired by the spirit and beauty of the area." — Guest curator, Geoffrey Young

Paintings, Sculptures and Photographs by the following Sheffield, Ashley Falls and Berkshire Area Artists:

Derek Buckner	Joan Griswold	Kathy Orlando	Susan Detjens
Walker Buckner	Pat Hogan	Tom Orlando	Margot Trout
Morgan Bulkeley	Reggie Madison	Martha Platt	Lois Van Cleef
Bart Elsbach	Mark Mendel	Jarvis Rockwell	Thomas A. Wilson
Warner Friedman	Susan Cobb Merchant	Peter Rowntree	Tom Zetterstrom
Ann Getsinger	Anthony Nordoff	Libby Schmidt	... and more!
Sharon Gregory	Catherine Nugent	Gabrielle Senza	

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Tim Abbott	Edmund and Arlene Petroff Grossman	Appy & John Stookey
Appalachian Mountain Gear	Bobbie Hallig	Judith Timm
Aquatic Designs, Inc.	Howden Farms	Bob & Becky Thomas
Ashley Falls Fair Committee	Keith T. Hyatt of Hyatt Tree Co	Edith & Loet Velmans
Ashley Falls Village Improvement Society	Art Kaufman	The Visionaries, Inc. & The Visionaries
Ann Barrett	Lil & Marty Keane & Classic Rods & Tackle, Inc.	Institute at Suffolk University
Barbara and Malcolm Bayliss	Allison Lassoe	Town of Sheffield (especially the Assessors,
Berkshire Bank	Frank Lowenstein	Selectboard and Town Clerk's Offices)
Berkshire Products, Inc.	Le Trianon	Sheffield Art League
Berkshire Stump Grinding/Michael King	Sue & Bob MacVeety	Sheffield Boy Scouts
Robin Berthet	Dorothy Marosy	Sheffield Fire Department
Jeff & Julie Blake	Susan & Dudley Merchant	Sheffield Friendly Union
Carlson Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.	James & Catherine Miller	Sheffield Historical Society
Aidan Cassidy & Charles Teti	Maria Nation & Good Dogs Farm	The Sheffield Inn
Neil & Kathleen Chrisman	Old Parish Church and Kids Club	Sheffield Kiwanis
Christ Church Episcopal	George Oleen	Sheffield Land Trust
Walter & Ursula Cliff	Ole T.J.'s Antique Barn	Sheffield Plastics
Mr. & Mrs. Paul J. Collins	Judy Orlando	Sheffield Police Department
Harry Conklin	Kathy Orlando	Sheffield Whinnies 4-H
Dick Coon Construction Company	Tom Orlando	The Nature Conservancy
Rev. Susan & Stuart Crampton	Mike Ovitt	The Trustees of Reservations
Cypress Apparel Group	The Papachristou Family	Eleanor Tillinghast & Morgan Bulkeley IV
Jennifer Dowley	Sandra Preston	Robert Van Deusen & Van Deusen Real Estate
Inez Flinn	Race Brook Lodge	Donald & Claire Ward
Great Finds	Ray's Auto Parts	Linda Wartella
Friends of the Bushnell-Sage Memorial Library	Pat and Sandy Ross	Marilyn & John Wightman
Virginia J. Drury	Ellen and Peter Rowntree	Wolf Ridge Farm
Farmers' Market of Sheffield	Kay Sadhigi	Rene C. Wood & Dennis Sears
Virginia Flynn & Joe W. Crow	Libby & Charles Schmidt	Tom & Susan Young
Frank Garretson & Helen Bray-Garretson	Judy & Gary Schumer	...and everyone who has contributed since we
Glory B Clown Troupe	Andrea Scott & Rob Jenter	went to press.
Joy W. Gortlieb	Eric Shamie	
Sharon M. Gregory	Staveleigh House Bed and Breakfast	
Jo Grossman	David & Judith Steindler	

COMMITTEE, DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE / PHONE / MEETINGS (DAY, TIME, LOCATION) / CONTACT(S) 2001:

Aging, Council on

229-7022
3rd Tues, 9am
Dewey Hall
Charles Bennett, Eleanor Griffiths, Anne Hyatt, Art Kaufman, Doris Richardson, Thomas Young - chair, Margery Kirchner, William Silk, Lois Van Cleef

Ambulance - Non Emergency

528-3900
(So. Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Squad)

Animal Control/Dog Officer

528-6694
Martin Clark

Animal Inspector

229-8554
Richard M. Boardman

Assessors, Board of

229-7001
Mon - Fri, 9am-1pm
Town Hall
Tammy Blackwell, Ruth Gillette - chair, Barbara West

Building Inspector/Zoning Officers

229-7006
Tues 6pm-8:30pm; Thurs, 7am-1pm
Town Hall
Brent Getchell, Walter Potash-asst.

Conservation Commission

229-2335
2nd & 4th Thurs, 7pm
Town Hall
Maurice Decker, James Herlihy, Wayne Robins, Paul Sullivan, Shawn Cassidy - chair

Constables

Tony Gulotta, James McGarty

Cultural Council, Sheffield

Tim Brooks, Susan Gillette, Bobbie Glass, Robert Law, Stephen Nolan, JoAnn Shmulsky - chair

Electrical Inspectors

229-2120
Richard Cappadona, Kenneth Kushi - Asst.

EMERGENCY

Police, Fire, Ambulance
911

Finance Committee

229-2335
As Needed - Check with Town Hall
Town Hall
Mark Bacchetti - chair, James Collingwood, Scott Rote, David Smith, David Steindler

Fire Department (Non-Emergency)

229-7033
Fire House
John Ullrich - Chief

Fire Dept. Burning Permits

229-7034

Fire Safety Inspector

229-2080
Richard A. Boardman

Food Inspector

229-6670
George Oleen

Gas & Pipe Inspector

229-8019
Robert Krupski

Health, Board of

229-8752
2nd Mon, 7pm
Town Hall
Susan Kaufman, Richard Kirchner - chair, David Macy, Janet Stanton, Joel Weiss

Highway Department

229-7030
Mon - Fri, 6am-2pm
35 Pike Road
Ronald Bassett, Superintendent

Historic District Commission, Ashley Falls

229-2097
Joan Baldwin, Aiden Cassidy - chair, Lo-Yi Chan, Susan Cobb Merchant - alternate, John James - alternate, Sandra Preston

Historical Commission, Sheffield

229-8388
As Needed
Milton Barnum, William Brown, Robert Macy, Kathy Orlando, Carl Proper - chair, Susan VanDuesen

Industrial Development Commission

229-3328
Last Tues, 7:30pm
Town Hall
Bruce Howden, David Steindler, Phyllis Weiss, Eric Carlson - chair

Library

229-7004
Tues & Fri, 1pm-8pm; Wed, Thurs & Sat, 10am-5pm
Nancy Hahn, Librarian; Trustees: Julie Hannum, Betty LeGeyt, Susan Young

Moderator

Bruce Person

Park & Recreation Committee

229-7007
As Needed - Check with Town Hall
Town Hall
Theresa Anello, Grace Campbell, Robert Gingras, Tony Gulotta, Kevin Joyce, Mike Ovitt - chair, Joe Wilkinson

Parking Clerk

Helen Johnston

Planning Board

229-2299 or 2815
1st & 3rd Tues, 7pm
Town Hall
Eric Blackburn - chair, John Downie, Alternate, Fred Gordon, Wtay Gunn, Doc Nourse, Dominic Palumbo

Plumbing Inspectors

229-8019
Robert Krupski, Louis Caputal - Asst.

Police Department (Non-Emergency)

229-8522
Police Station
James McGarry - Chief

Post Office, Ashley Falls

229-8048
Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm & Sat, 9am-11am
Rt 7A & Rannapo Rd.
Mary Blaise

Post Office, Sheffield

229-8772
Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm & Sat, 9am-11am
99 Main St.
Ellen Dripps

Registrars, Board of

229-8752
Tues, 9am-4pm
Town Hall
Marjorie Consolini, Patricia Sadera - chair, Elizabeth Smith

Sanitation (Tide 5) Inspector

229-8752
Richard Kirchner

School Committee

229-5915, 8861, 8502
1st & 3rd Thurs, 7pm
Mt. Everett
Betty LeGeyt, Robert VanDuesen, Susan Young

Select Board

229-2335
1st, 3rd & 4th Mon, 7pm
Town Hall
Dick Kirchner - Chair, David Macy, Janet Stanton

Senior Center

229-7022
Mon - Fri, 9am-2:30pm
Dewey Hall
Rae Eastman, Director, Barbara Fletcher, Asst.

Town Accountant

James McCormack

Town Administrator

229-7000
Mon - Fri, 9am-4pm
Town Hall
Robert Weitz

Town Clerk

229-8752
Mon - Fri, 9am-4pm
Town Hall
Helen E. Johnston, Natalie Funk - Asst., Maureen T. Coon, Asst. to Town Clerk

Town Counsel

Sarah Bell

Transfer Station - Recycling & Trash Disposal

229-7019 (Transfer Station); 229-2628 (David Steindler); 229-2335 (Town Hall)
Tues & Fri, 1pm-4pm; Sat, 8am-4pm & Sun, 8:30am-2pm
Barnum St.

Treasurer/Tax Collectors

229-7007
Mon - Fri, 9am-4pm
Town Hall
Mike Ovitt, Barbara Roraback - Asst.

Veterans' Grave Officer

229-2569
Milton Barnum

Veterans Services

528-1580
Mon - Fri, 9am-5pm
Gt. Barrington Town Hall
Al Adams

Water Company

229-2777
Dana Bartholomew

Zoning Board of Appeals

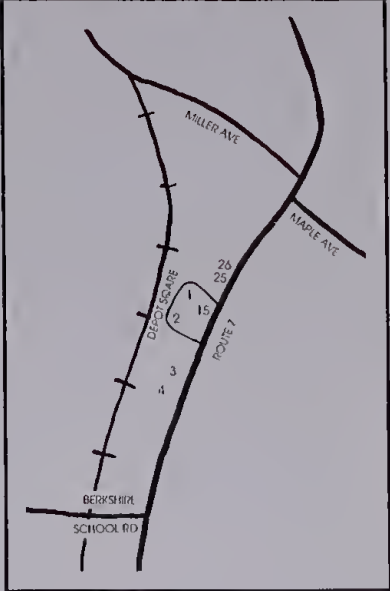
229-7001
As Needed - Check with Town Hall
Town Hall
Jim Collingwood - chair, Nancy Elliott, Barbara West, David West - alt.

SHEFFIELD & ASHLEY FALLS

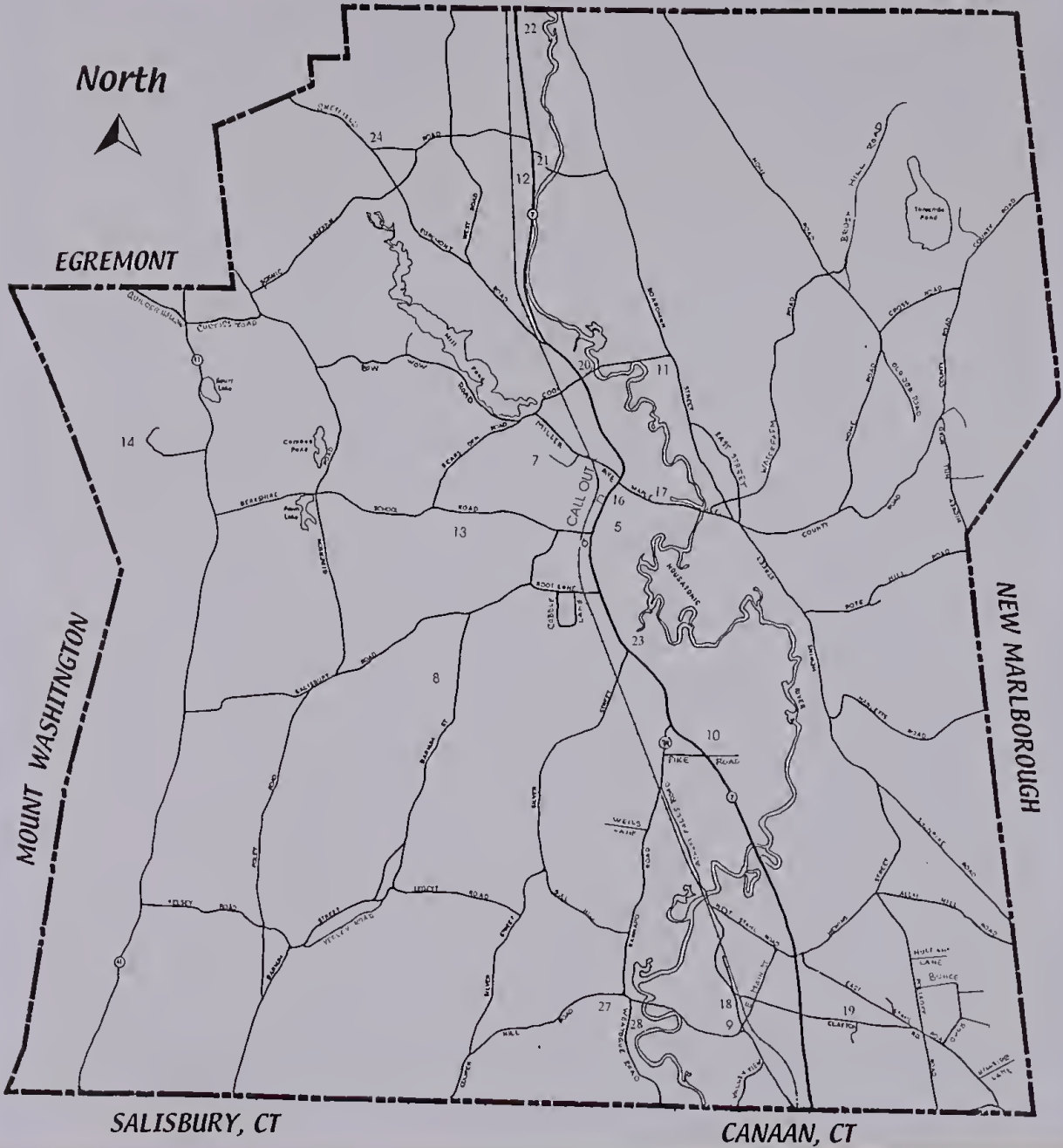
Site Locator:

- 1. Town Hall
- 2. Fire Dept.
- 3. Post Office - Sheffield
- 4. Dewey Hall
- 5. Bushnell-Sage Library
- 6. Police Dept.
- 7. Town Park
- 8. Transfer Station
- 9. Post Office- Ashley Falls
- 10. Sheffield Highway Dept.
- 11. VFW American Legion Post 340
- 12. MA Highway Garage
- 13. Southern Berkshire Regional Schools
- 14. Berkshire School
- 15. Old Parish First Congregational UCC
- 16. Christ Church Episcopal
- 17. Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church
- 18. Trinity United Methodist
- 19. Grace Bible Church
- 20. Faith Baptist Church
- 21. Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
- 22. Sheffield Chapel
- 23. Sheffield Elm Monument
- 24. Shay's Rebellion Monument
- 25. Dan Raymond House
- 26. Mark Dewey Research Center
- 27. Col. Ashley House
- 28. Bartholomew's Cobble

CENTER OF SHEFFIELD



GREAT BARRINGTON



August

29 First Day of School

September

- 1 Saturday Soccer registration, Mt. Everett Soccer Fields
- 3 Labor Day
- 4 Sheffield Grange Covered Dish Supper, Grange Hall, 7pm
- 6 School Committee Meeting, Library at Mt. Everett, 7pm
- 8-16 Sheffield in Celebration, see insert for details
- 7&8 Quilt Show Old Parish Church, 10am-4pm, 12pm-7pm
- 8 Celebration on the Green in Sheffield
- 10 Foot Care Clinic, Dewey Hall/Senior Center, 9am-1pm
- 12 Cub Scout sign-up night, Eagle's Loft, Mt. Everett, 6:30pm-7:30pm
- 13 Blood pressure testing, Dewey Hall/Senior Center, 9am-12pm
- 14 Maggie's Garden Puppet Show, Farmers' Market, Old Parish, 5pm
- 15 Ashley Falls Fair on the Green
- 16 Dedication of new parish hall at Christ Church
- 18 Sheffield Grange Installation of Officers, Grange Hall
- 20 School Committee Meeting, New Marlborough Central School, 7pm
- 26 Blood pressure Testing, Dewey Hall, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- 29 Boy Scout Roast Beef Dinner, Legion Hall, seatings at 5pm & 6:30

October

- 1 Chapter 61A & 61B Applications Due at Assessors Office
- 4 School Committee Meeting, Library at Mt. Everett, 7pm
- 8 COLUMBUS DAY
- 11 Blood pressure testing, Dewey Hall/Senior Center, 9am-12pm
- 18 School Committee Meeting, Alford Town Hall, 7pm
- 21 Civil War Songs & Readings, Old Parish Church, 2pm
- 28 Daylight Savings Time ends -Set your clocks back!
- 31 HALLOWEEN

New Library Hours

Tues. & Fri.: 1pm-8pm
Wed., Thurs. & Sat.: 10am-5pm

Transfer Station Hours

Tues. & Fri.: 1pm-4pm
Sat.: 8am-4pm
Sun.: 8:30am-2pm

Ongoing Calendar Items

(meetings that occur on less than a weekly basis are noted by reference (i.e. 1st, 3rd indicates meeting the first and third times that day occurs in the month)

Mondays:

Food Assistance Program Old Parish Church, 9am-10:30am
Selectboard meetings, Town Hall, 7pm, 1st, 3rd & 4th
Board of Health meetings, Town Hall, 7pm, 2nd

Tuesday:

Physical Fitness Class Dewey Hall/Senior Center, 9:30am
Building Inspector, Town Hall, 6pm-8:30pm
Planning Board meetings, Town Hall, 7pm, 1st & 3rd
Council on Aging, Dewey Hall, 9am, 3rd
Industrial Development Commission, Town Hall, 7:30, last

Thursdays:

Physical Fitness Class Dewey Hall/Senior Center, 9:30am
Building Inspector, Town Hall, 7am-1pm
Conservation Commission meetings, Town Hall, 7pm, 2nd & 4th

Fridays:

Farmers' Market (until 10/8) Old Parish Parking Lot, 4pm-7pm

Saturdays:

Hawk identification (9/15-10/13) Bartholomew's Cobble, 10am-2pm

Sundays*

Canoe the Housatonic, Bartholomew's Cobble, 9am-12pm

Mt. Everett Varsity & JV Soccer Schedule

Boys

9/04 At Hoosac Valley, 4:15
06 At New Lebanon, TBA
08 At New Lebanon, TBA
10 At Winham, 4:30
13 Home, Taconic, 4
15 At Hunter, TBA
17 Home, Lenox, 4
22 At Hunter, TBA
24 At Taconic, 4
25 Home, Hoosac, 4
28 At Lee, 4
10/03 At Hoosac, 4
05 Home, Lenox, 4
09 Home, Hunter, 4:15
10 Home, Hoosac Valley, 4:15
15 At Doane Stuart, 4
19 Home with Lee, 4
22 At Lenox, 4

Girls

9/04 Home, Hoosac Valley, 4:15
07 At New Lebanon, TBA
08 At New Lebanon, TBA
10 Home, Windham, 4:30
13 Home, St. Joe, 4
15 At Hunter, TBA
18 At Windham, 4:30
19 At Drury, 4:15
22 At Hunter, TBA
25 At Hoosac, 4
26 Home, Lenox, 4:15
28 Home, Lee, 4
10/03 Home, Hoosac, 4
05 At Lenox, 4:15
09 Home, Hunter, 4:15
10 At Hoosac Valley, 4:15
16 Home, Drury, 4:15
19 At Lee, 4

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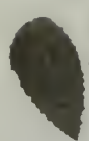
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TRANSFER STATION & RECYCLING

This summer everyone should have received, in the mail, the Sheffield Transfer Station's new brochure outlining the changes in the Transfer Station stickers and charges, as well as providing the most up-to-date information on recycling and trash items that are accepted. If you did not receive a brochure, copies are available at Town Hall or by calling the Recycling Coordinator at the number listed below.

One of the big changes is that as of July 1st the Transfer Station is no longer open to commercial haulers, so Sheffield and Ashley Falls residents and businesses that use commercial haulers may receive an abatement for the trash component of their solid waste user fee (70 percent). Abatement forms should be enclosed with the user fee bill.

All recycling will still be done through the transfer station. Since recycling is mandatory in Sheffield, all residents and businesses will receive a user fee bill. The non-trash component of the user fee covers the cost of recycling, as well as the cost of bulky waste and household hazardous waste collections. Sheffield recycles most paper, most containers and batteries. Please see the

new brochure for details. Each user must still have the appropriate sticker to use the Transfer Station.

In addition to the spring and fall bulky-waste collections at the Transfer Station (be sure to pick up the required coupon from the Treasurer/Collector's office) Sheffield has joined other South County Towns to arrange for additional collections for the disposal of bulky waste, appliances, fluorescent lights, and household hazardous waste. A comprehensive collection for all such waste will be held on October 20th at the Great Barrington Transfer Station, from 9am to 1pm.

Mini collections of paint products and used motor oil only will be held this fall at the Otis Transfer Station September 13 from 3pm to 6pm, September 22 from 9am to noon in Lenox and the Great Barrington Transfer Station, October 13th from 9am to noon.

These additional collections are covered by your Transfer Station user fee, but pre-registration for the comprehensive and mini collections is required through the Center for Ecological Technology at (800) 238-1221 or e-mail jamiiec@cetonline.org

TIPS ON NUTS & OIL

Need to get rid of those styrofoam packing "peanuts"?

Thanks to Recycling Coordinator David Steindler, Sheffield and Ashley Falls residents have a better option than stock-piling peanuts in the attic. Clean peanuts, in closed plastic bags, can be dropped off at Dovetail Antiques on Route 7 (just north of the center of Sheffield) or at the Transfer Station during regular hours. Those of you *looking* for peanuts can pick them up at Dovetail Antiques.

Change your own oil?

All motor-oil sellers must take back used motor oil at no charge when you show a receipt for the purchase of a similar quantity of new oil. This is the quickest and easiest way to legally dispose of used motor oil.

For more information on peanuts, motor oil or any other recycling matter, please contact David Steindler at 229-2628.

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Left: A shopper checks out the produce at the Sheffield Farmers' Market.